

I have read that Sinclair Broadcasting is forcing their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary a few days before the election. This "donation" to the Bush campaign is a direct violation of federal election campaign laws, and exemplifies the danger that results from media consolidation.

Sinclair is using the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. When large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line, and in this case, what Sinclair thinks is good for us and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.